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SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

LOS ANGELES – Concerned about the fast-approaching October 1 application deadline to qualify for the State of California's Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) assistance program, Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Don Knabe called on the Board today to authorize a resolution and application for funds to create an urban trail and educational programming at various locations in the County.

The County's Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to submit a grant application for the Carver Park Nature Education Urban Trail. Located between 118th Street and 120th Street along the Compton Creek, the trail will include native drought tolerant plants and educational interpretive signage about the watershed and habitat.

Another program that will be a focus of the funding request is the Journey Into the Wild Program which is planned for the Deane Dana Friendship Community Regional Park, Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center, and Whittier Narrows Regional Recreational Area. This program will provide outdoor wilderness learning experiences and facilitate safe and positive hands-on nature experiences.

HCF is a local assistance program of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation. The intent of the program is to protect, restore and enhance wildlife habitat and fisheries that are vital to maintain California's quality of life.

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